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The Zen Gardens at Tofukuji

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Zen and War

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The Zen Gardens at Tofukuji: Tofukuji is a large temple complex located at the foot of the East Mountains in Kyoto, and home to some of Japan's greatest Buddhist architecture. Crossing the Bridge to Heaven over the Sengyoku Ravine, the visitor enters the dry landscape garden in the precincts of the Founder's Hall. For centuries this has been a place of Zen practice. This beautiful DVD shows the garden at all seasons of the year. *The Zen Gardens at Tofukuji* is being screened courtesy of The Institute for Zen Studies. <http://www.zenbunka.or.jp/en/>. 20 minutes.

Zen and War: In the beginning of the 20th century Japan waged a number of wars during which it committed atrocities throughout Asia and the Pacific. In 1998 Brian Victoria's book "Zen At War" documented the participation of Buddhist monks in these hostilities. In *Zen and War*, Japanese Zen monks question their predecessors' wartime collaboration for the first time. A Dutch woman, Ina Buitendijk, whose husband suffered duration his internment in a Japanese camp, took the initiative to ask Zen institutions how monks could have become involved in wartime violence. Contemporary Zen masters, seeing the continuing suffering, responded to her inquiries. *Zen and War* is being screened courtesy of the Buddhist Broadcasting Foundation, <http://www.buddhistmedia.com/defaultEngels.aspx>. 60 Minutes.

Admission is free.

